

**City of San Diego
Community Forest Advisory Board**

MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2010
Civic Center Plaza Building

1) **Convene:** Vicki Estrada, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:49 a.m.

2) **Present:**

Members – Patrick Caughey, Fausto Palafox, Gail Roberts, Dan Simpson, Jon Becker, Victoria Heithaus, Craig Jones, Mary Johnson, Joe Jones, Tershia d’Elgin.

[Not Present] – Karen Davis, Stephen Lamprides

Guests – Guy Pruess (Skyline/Paradise Hills CPG), Ty Sterns (Urban Corps), Misite Milam (Urban Corps)

City Staff – Drew Potocki, Michael Marika, Ken Healy, Tony Gangitano, Alissa Gabriel, Jeff Harkness

3) **Approval of December Minutes:** [Jones/Jones] Approved unanimously.

4) **Chair’s Announcements:** Vicki Estrada reappointed by Mayor for an additional term.

5) **Discussion Item(s):**

- a. [agenda error – no item “a”]
- b. Status of Urban Forestry staff. Staff report attached. Board requested a copy of the General Services organization chart. Urban Forester position converted to 20% urban forestry + 80% undergrounding activities (supervising the replacement of trees damaged during utility undergrounding projects).
- c. Gas Tax, landscape maintenance money, and General Fund report.
- d. How does the city’s Urban Forestry Program get integrated into Community Plans? Master Street Tree plan for whole city is actually found scattered in the community plans. Action plans can become community plans. Master planting plans can be developed in each community on a one at a time basis.
- e. Process for how the board sets the agenda was discussed.
- f. Urban Corps updated board on current activities. Barrio Logan Green Streets project was a success with 80 trees planted Golden Hill MAD is planting trees.

6) **Action Item(s):**

- a. Letter to Mayor requesting definitions of the Urban Forestry Program and re-affirming the Community Forestry Advisory Board. [Jones/Jones] Approved unanimously.

7) **Reports:** Items not already on agenda

- a. Staff Reports
 - Drew Potocki, Street Division Urban Forester
 - i) 2005 funding found and reallocated
 - ii) Tree City USA requirements reminder.



iii) Figg Fund: \$67,000 in interest accrued; 10% of that put into capital; \$380,000 in principle remaining.

iv) City brochure on “green” accomplishments created by Planning Division.

v) On October 23rd 2010 a statewide tree planting event will occur. \$150,000 for San Diego has been set aside.

- Michael Marika, Park & Recreation Dept. Arborist. Continues to perform storm damage repairs.

8) **Referrals to Committees:** A workgroup established to review how other cities run their forestry programs will report next month.

9) **Public Comment:** Guy Preuss commented on neighborhood activities.

10) **Adjourned** at 1:15pm

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